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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 2/24/2021**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Elizabeth "Beth" Wolfe

Office: Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 3rd Dist., Division D

Parish: EAST FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON, ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY, TANGIPAHOA,

WASHINGTON, WEST FELICIANA

Election Date: 7/11/2020

Level of Office: Major

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G

Original Due Date: 8/5/2020

Date Filed: 8/14/2020

Activity Receipts: \$ 35,400.00

Expenditures: \$ 62,458.42

Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$ 2,838.90

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$900

Days Late: 9

Late Fee Order Received: 10/7/2020

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 10/27/2020

Waiver Request Received: 10/8/2020

Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Brandi Stevens, Treasurer, for Judge Beth Wolfe, request a waiver and states the following: The Candidate's Special Report was filed on July 21 and it was her incorrect thought that this was the final report that needed to be filed, not the 10-G. She assures that it was a complete mistake and not due to neglect or carelessness. As soon as the error was discovered, she called the office and spoke to Ms. Sara, where she informed her of the error. She immediately filed the necessary form. She will make sure to pay extra attention to all subsequent filings and will make sure they are filed before the due date. All forms prior to and after that have been filed before the deadline.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

Judge Beth Wolfe Campaign Committee

14175 Highway 190 W

Hammond, LA 70401

(985) 956-7829

September 30, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics

PO Box 4368

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Late Fee assessment for July 11, 2020 Election  
Request for Waiver of Penalties

Dear Ms. Horn,

I am writing you concerning your letter dated, September 28, 2020. I am asking that you please consider a waiver of the penalties assess on the form 10-G that was due August 5, 2020. All forms prior to and after that particular form have been filed before the deadline. The Candidate's Special Report form 104 was filed on July 21. It was my incorrect thought that this was the final report for the filing period that needed to be filed, not the form 10-G. I assure you that it was a complete mistake and not due to neglect or carelessness. As soon as the error was discovered, I called the office and spoke to Ms. Sara, where she informed me of the error. I immediately filed the necessary form. I will make sure to pay extra attention to all subsequent filings and will make sure they are filed before the due date. I appreciate you taking the time to look into this matter for me and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Brandi Stevens, Treasurer

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

September 28, 2020

Brandi Stevens  
Judge Beth Wofle Campaign  
14175 Hwy. 190 W.  
Hammond, LA 70401

RE: Late fee assessment for July 11, 2020 Election  
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 9 days late

Dear Brandi Stevens:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$900** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

**You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:**

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal **the assessment** directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not **pay or dispute** the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

***You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.***

Sincerely,

**Melissa Horn**

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